

when I saw how clear and real the next world was to him, and how he only looked at *this* life as a school time of trial, *that* as *real life*, and he never thought himself he should be long lived, and often told what he wished me to do when he was gone. He had an *earnest longing* to put things in such a state *here*, that his much loved flock might never again be neglected, and great was his *thankfulness* at being allowed to accomplish all that wanted doing. He had already rebuilt the Church and a school house, and his great anxiety was to place this glebe and house in a good state that no clergyman could now *not* live amongst the people. He was *just* allowed to finish *all* that wanted doing. He had lately been distressed at the *excessive* affection of his people, seriously thinking that he ought almost to leave them, they seemed to cling to *him* too much as an individual. His earnest striving, however, was to lead them *from* himself to his Master, and I, with many others, have remarked of late a great *increase* of zeal and earnestness in his preaching, and deep spirituality, if I may use such a word. Perhaps God saw as he did, and so prepared for *Himself*, though to *us* it seemed as if he was doing so great a work for his own parish, and even influencing the whole neighbourhood.

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#### PRAYER FOR THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF THE CHURCH.

This prayer is taken from a small manual of devotion called "Faith, Duty and Prayers of a Christian Missionary;" and while suitable for the use of all who pray for the peace of Jerusalem at all times, it is perhaps specially suitable for the members of our Church now, when looking forward to the meeting of its representative members in Synod.

Continue forth Thy loving kindness, O Lord, to this branch of the vine : Behold and visit this vine, and the place of the vineyard that Thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that Thou madest so strong for Thyself, this branch, abundantly watered, saved, and spared, amid many neglects and divisions; quickened, made fruitful in saints, rich in doctors and holy men, with creeds agreeable to Thy Word, and forms of sound words delivered from ancient times. Give us the great grace of unity, which we now lack; help us towards it by Thy Spirit, that, if we attain it not in our time, we may approach towards it. Help us first towards inward unity, unity amongst ourselves, in our own house, between the members of our own Church; heal our inward divisions, that they may pass away. Knit us together; remove prejudices, discords, misunderstandings of one another, hardness, the spirit of controversy. Give us forbearance and charity. For this Church of England, for all members thereof, priests and people, in all times, through all changes and chances of times, I do pray most earnestly. Send Thy blessing, O Father, that we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.